

Transportation Update

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Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) FY 2009/10 Program Approved

The TFCA FY 2009/10 Program was approved by the CMA Board at its May meeting. A total of \$1,758,020 is programmed to fund ten projects for this cycle. These projects are:

- ♦ City of Alameda's Webster St. SMART Corridor
- ♦ Alameda County's Fairmont Campus to BART Shuttle
- ♦ City of Albany's Ohlone Greenway Bicycle Path Widening
- ♦ City of Berkeley's Citywide Bicycle Parking Program
- ♦ City of Fremont's South Fremont Arterial Management
- ♦ City of Pleasanton's Trip Reduction Program
- ♦ AC Transit's Easy Pass Transit Incentive Program
- ♦ LAVTA's Route 9 Operating Assistance
- ♦ ACCMA's Guaranteed Ride Home Program
- ♦ ACCMA's Bike to Work Marketing and Study

2010 Countywide Bicycle Plan Update

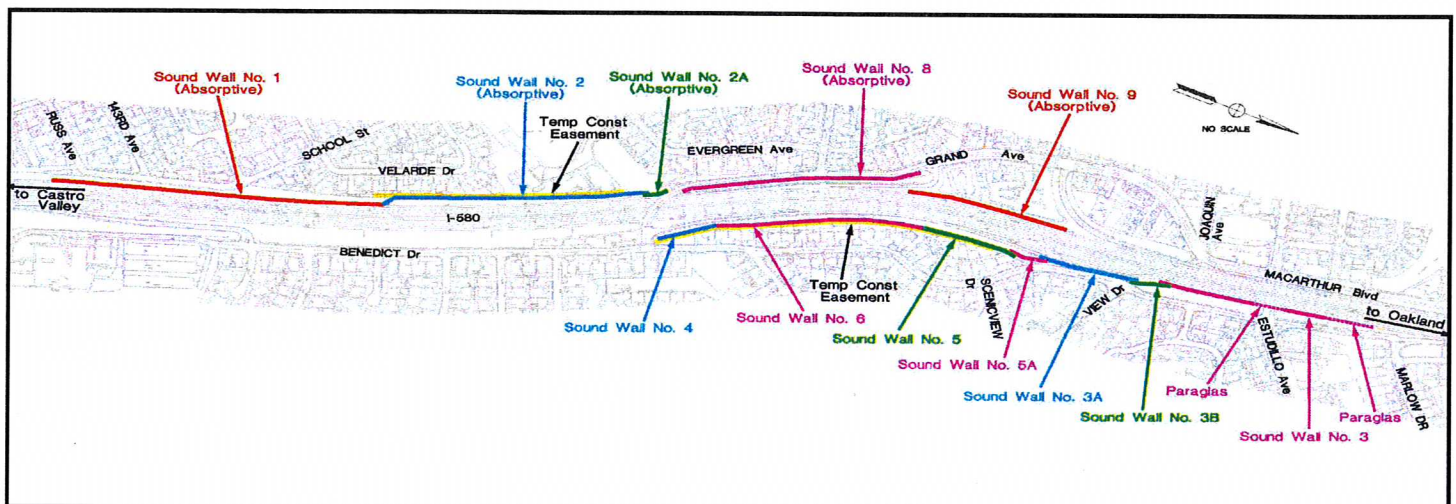
The CMA Board, at its June meeting, authorized the execution of a grant funding agreement with ACTIA committing the necessary non-Measure B match for the proposed update of the 2010 Countywide Bicycle Plan estimated to cost \$165,000 which will be provided through a combination of \$130,000 of Measure B funds with a CMA match of \$35,000. The Countywide Bicycle Plan was last updated in 2006.

Alameda Community Based Transportation Plan (CBTP) Approved

The CMA Board approved the Alameda CBTP at its June meeting. The Plan is based on community outreach to identify and prioritize transportation needs and solutions in Alameda. It includes ranked solutions and strategies, and identifies conceptual cost estimates, potential fund sources, and project sponsors for each of the transportation solutions. This area was selected by MTC as one of five CBTPs in Alameda County that identified the transportation needs of low income communities. The Plan is available on the CMA website.

I-580 San Leandro Soundwall Construction Began in June 2009

In June 2009, the I-580 San Leandro Soundwall began construction. The project will construct approximately 8000 feet of soundwalls along both sides of I-580 between Estudillo Avenue and 141st Avenue in the City of San Leandro. Construction will occur on weekdays between 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.. Restriping work, barrier replacement and bridge rail demolition will occur at night. Updates on construction activities and schedules will be posted at www.accma.ca.gov. This project will be completed in summer 2010.



Legislation

SB 406 (DeSaulnier) This bill would allow regional planning agencies to impose a vehicle registration fee to fund the development and implementation of regional blueprint plans associated with SB 375—climate change. It also authorizes metropolitan planning organizations to impose up to a \$2 surcharge on each vehicle registered within the region. If the population exceeds 300,000 all amounts above \$1 must be used for grants to cities and counties for planning and projects related to implementing a regional blueprint plan. In the Bay Area, the resolution imposing surcharge must be adopted by both MTC and ABAG. CMA supports this bill if it is amended to provide funding to CMAs for SB 375 activities.

AB 672 (Bass) This bill would establish a process for local and regional agencies to apply for a Letter of No Prejudice (LONP) for any project using Prop 1B funds. If approved by the entity administering the Prop 1B program, the LNOP will serve to ensure the project sponsor will be reimbursed for expending its own funds for any bond-funded component of the project. The CMA supports AB 672.

AB 1175 (Torlakson) This bill adds the Antioch and Dumbarton bridges to the toll bridge seismic safety program. In addition, this bill would authorize BATA to submit regional measures to increase tolls to the voters. The CMA supports this bill.

SB 391 (Liu) This bill requires Caltrans to update its state transportation plan by December 31, 2015 and every five years thereafter. It also requires that the plan address how the state will meet the transportation infrastructure and mobility needs of California, attain air pollution standards required by federal and state law, and address greenhouse gas emissions reductions needed from the transportation sector. The CMA supports this bill.

State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Development Process Approved

At its June meeting, the CMA Board approved the final Principles for the development of the 2010 STIP. A Call for Projects was released on June 1, 2009 and applications were due to the CMA on June 19th.

2008 Countywide Transportation Plan Revised

At its June meeting, the CMA Board approved the revisions to the 2008 Countywide Transportation Plan. The revisions were necessary to be consistent with the Regional Transportation, T2035, adopted by MTC on April 22, 2009. The revised plan is available on the CMA website.

Additional Funds for Local Streets and Roads

A second round of Local Streets and Roads funding from the federal economic stimulus package funded ten projects in Alameda County. The CMA approved \$4.74 million in funding for these projects at its May meeting.

CMA Supports a State Constitutional Convention

At its June meeting, the CMA Board approved a resolution recommending that the State Legislature submit at a general election the question of whether to call a convention to revise the State Constitution on all fiscal matters.

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Upcoming Meetings

July

- 7 CMA Technical Advisory Committee
- 8 CTC San Jose
- 13 Sunol SMART Carpool Joint Powers Authority
- 13 CMA Administration & Legislation Committee
- 13 CMA Plans & Programs Committee
- 23 CMA Board

August

- 12 CTC Sacramento

Guaranteed Ride Home Program (GRH) Annual Evaluation Accepted

The CMA Board, at its May meeting, accepted the 2008 Annual Evaluation Report for the GRH. It also approved the recommendations for next year's program: (1) continue operations and marketing, including maintaining a website and conducting employee and employer surveys, (2) continue monitoring and marketing the 50+ mile rental car requirement, (3) focus on registering businesses in South and Central Alameda County, and (4) incorporate recommendations from the Programs Evaluation into the Annual Evaluation Report.

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